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direction, the fourth rotator rotating the polarization of the optical signal in the first direction, and a third birefringent material, the third birefringent material having the longitudinal axis, the transverse direction perpendicular to the longitudinal axis, a third displacement direction and a second length, the third displacement direction being at a second oblique angle from the transverse direction;

wherein the first optical path and second optical path establishing means establish the first optical path and the second optical path without the use of wave plates.

- 14. (Currently Amended) The method circulator of claim 13 wherein the transmitting step (b) further includes the step of:
- (b1) transmitting the optical signal through a polarization beam deflector for altering a direction of the first optical path and the second optical path, the polarization beam deflector being located between the first rotator pair and the second birefringent material.

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15. (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein the first rotator further includes a first latching type garnet component, the second rotator includes a second latching type garnet component and the fourth rotator includes a fourth latching type garnet component, the first latching type garnet component rotating the polarization of the optical signal by 45° in the first direction, the second latching type garnet component rotating the polarization of the optical signal by 45° in the second direction, the third latching type garnet component rotating the polarization of the optical signal by 45° in the second direction, the second direction, the second direction in the second direction in the second direction. The fourth latching type garnet component rotating the polarization of the optical signal by 45° in the first direction.